

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was held on May 16, 2013. Members met at videoconferencing sites in Chicago and Springfield, sites provided by the Illinois Department of Corrections. Chairperson Alyssa Williams-Schafer called the meeting to order from Springfield.

Present in Springfield in addition to the Chair were Board Members Michael Bednarz, Tracie Newton, Dick Winkler, and new Board Member Dr. Jeff Sim (Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice). Present in Chicago were Board Members Amy Campanelli, Brenda Claudio, Steve Goytia, Simon Kim, Robin McGinnis, Verlin Meinz, Margaret Menzenberger, Annette Milleville, Harry Reed, and Dr. Abdi Tinwalla.

Board Members Shawn Albert, Carol Corgan, Sheryl Essenburg, and Mickie Owens were excused.

Non-members in attendance were Shawn Oetzel and Lindsey Lustfelt from Tazewell County Probation.

The minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2013, were submitted. The following amendments were offered:

- 1) In the second paragraph under "Provider Listings - Representation/IDFPR", the ninth (9th) sentence should read: "The Administrative Rule will go to JCAR for comment".
- 2) In the final paragraph under "Training", the final sentence should read "The time will be from 9 - 4:30, registration at 8:00 a.m., with one hour for lunch."
- 3) In the Appointment Committee section of Committee Reports, the first sentence should read "We need a designee from the AOIC on the Board."
- 4) In the third paragraph under "New Business", the first sentence should read "Statutorily as of January 1, 2014, IDFPR needs agreement on the Administrative Rule, then must go through JCAR process."

On motion made by Winkler and seconded by Bednarz, the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2013, were accepted as amended.

Chairperson Williams-Schafer reported, after communication with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, that the Department was nearly finished drafting the Administrative Rule. The Rule, as drafted, will be reviewed by the Chair and the Board. The Department estimates that, by late Summer, it should have a process in place for reviewing applications by treatment providers.

The Board briefly reviewed the upcoming Training on May 30 at Heartland Community College in Normal. It was reported that, as of the time of the Board meeting, 126 persons had registered to attend. Board Member McGinnis discussed arrangements made with the Training presenter: Dr. Gerry D. Blasingame presenting on "Risk, Needs, and Responsibility Principles Applied to Sexual Offender Treatment and Management".

As to legislation, the Board noted that very few bills pertaining to sex offenders and offenses were moving. Chairperson Williams-Schafer reported on SB1322 which allows psychologists and psychiatrists to work on evaluations in Sexually Dangerous Persons cases.

As to Committee Reports, Board Member Bednarz reported for the Standards and Guidelines Research Committee. He noted the Committee's conclusion that the juvenile-treatment standards, since more recently revised, are better overall than the adult standards. The latter need to be redone as they are, in some respects, outdated. New Board Member Sim agreed to serve on the Standards Committee.

The Quality Assurance, Legislative, and Funding Committees had not met. The Chairperson recalled that the State Audit group had asked about funding activities; she noted that the Committee should report any funding sources explored. Board Member McGinnis indicated that she would pass on grant information of which she was aware, possibly including CSOM information.

Chairperson Williams-Schafer reminded the Appointments Committee of its duty to be in touch with Board members who have repeatedly missed meetings.

Chairperson Williams-Schafer reported on the final audit report. The one material finding, since resolved, had to do with the Board's not being fully constituted. Immaterial findings were made as to delays in the transfer of fiscal responsibilities from the Attorney General's Office to the Department of Corrections.

As to new business, Board Member McGinnis commented that treatment providers were concerned about the requirement of a provider's having had 400 hours of documented, supervised experience in 4 years.

Board member Campanelli noted that the Cook County Public Defender's Office may be burdened by taking on Sexually Violent Person cases in the near future.

Board Member Tinwalla noted that the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual - 5 will be coming out soon and offers significant changes. Board members discussed the possibility of doing a training this summer or fall on the DSM-5. The idea was referred to the Training Committee.

The Board noted the next meeting: July 18, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bloomington Police Department.

On motion made by Newton and seconded by Sim, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice-Chairperson